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SUBJECT: IMPACT ON KHMER UNESCO STRUGGLE OF PROBLEMS
OVER CHARGE IN PARIS

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KENG VANNSAK IS SERVING AS A NOT VERY ACTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP HERE TRYING TO INFLUENCE THE UNESCO PARTICIPANTS IN THE GKR FAVOR. HE FEELS INHIBITED BECAUSE THE GKR MFA HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET SENT A NOTE TO THE FRENCH CHARGE IN PHNOM PENH SO THAT HE WILL HAVE SOME OFFICIAL STATUS FOR CONTACTS WITH FRENCH AND OTHERS. AT THE MOMENT HE IS APPARENTLY ONLY PREPARING A TREATISE ON THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM AND NOT CONTACTING REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HE IS APPARENTLY ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER UNESCO PERMREPESSARO, WITH WHOM VANNSAK IS ON VERY BAD TERMS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE SECOND RANKING MAN ON THE GKR DELEGATION TO UNESCO. IF SO, VANNSAK WILL PROBABLY NOT BE VERY ACTIVE AFTER ESSARO'S ARRIVAL ON OCTOBER 12. ON THE OTHER HAND, NO ONE EXPECTS ESSARO TO CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING IF VANNSAK OUTRANKS HIM.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT ADVISE THE U.S. TO GET INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS INTERNAL KHMER SQUABBLE, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PERSONALITY
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PROBLEMS HERE WILL BE A FACTOR LIMITING GKR EFFECTIVE-

NESS. THESE PROBLEMS COULD BE REDUCED BY THE EARLY
ARRIVAL OF PAN SOTHI WHO MAY HAVE SUFFICIENT PRESTIGE
TO STIMULATE AND COORDINATE ACTION.
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